

MINUTES AAAPC Executive Committee meeting October 15th 2015

Attendees: Grant Russell, Liz Halcomb, Dimity Pond, Nick Zwar, Jan Radford, Sarah Larkins Michelle Guppy, Louise Stone, Kitty Novy,
Apologies: Alistair Vickery, Jodie Oliver Baxter, Danielle Mazza, Suzanne McKenzie, Phyllis Lau Ngaire Kerse, Jennifer Walker,
Unable to join due to connection problem: Sue Pollon, Ellen McIntyre, Kirsty Douglas,

Australia AEST	South Australia ACST	West Australia AWST	New Zealand NZST	Link	Phone
1.30-2.30	1.00.-2.00	11.30-12.30	3.30-4.30		

ACTION LIST

Assigned To	Action/Decision	When	
GR	To finalise the working group draft response to Chronic Disease Prevention		
GR	To gauge RACGP if it would like to help support APCReN		
GR	To inform APCReN committee of the AAAPC decision re sleeper mode /website		
GR	To discuss at next APCReN steering committee about could possibility of providing a service for PBRN.s and charge for a response		
GR	To contact Tania Winzenburg re PHC Research Strategy crisis in funding		
GR	To make an approach to RACGP ,AMA ,ACN on the AAAPC concerns on the problem of Support for Primary Care Research development in Australia and how they can help lobby		
SP/NG	To write article on NZ Research Weekend for December newsletter		
EM	To inform SP/NK once dates for the PHCRIS conference has been confirmed		
KN	To organise 3 judges to assess the Travelling Fellowship- Dimity Pond / Michelle Guppy/Ellen McIntyre		
GR/NZ	Nick Z and GR to meet at NAPCRG in Cancun		
KN	To circulate the APCReN address http://www.apcren.org.au/		
Issues	Items	Action	Responsible
1. Approval of the agenda	Chair Grant Russell (GR)		
2. Past Minutes	Minutes from previous Meeting approved. - connection problem noted .		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GR: FU with the decisions re APCReN Invited response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee Inquiry: GR to update 		
3. Agenda	Agenda accepted with no added items		
4. Correspondence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Anne Kelso NHMRC – GP survey on clinical trials- Letter written and GR sent no response yet. Alanna Foster First Assistant Secretary, Research, Data and Evaluation Division - An email received re outcome for our request for some financial support for APCReN Request was denied 		
5. New Zealand Matters	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NK unable to attend and Sue Pollen unable to connect due to technical difficulties so update from New Zealand not delivered SP sent report on Visit to HRC in Auckland NZ - 1.10.15 to AAAPC the committee and unable to connect but will talk about this at the November meeting 	Deferred to November meeting	KN
6. For Discussion	<p>1) Invited response to the House of Representatives Standing Committee Inquiry into Chronic Disease Prevention and Management in primary Health. Working Group. The working subgroup group has framed and drafted a response and GR to finalise before sending out.</p> <p>GR noted that he appeared at the committee personally and was unsure if any of the recommendations would be acted on. They will be holding inquiries into early next year</p> <p>2) Response to Primary Health care Advisory Group..GR unable to update on this but Ellen McIntyre(EM) sent a link for the PHCAG communique no. 2 for attention of the committee .It was noted that there had been a number of unsolicited responses to the advisory group</p> <p>http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/88FDA83E0640C23FCA257ED0001F7A9F/\$File/comm2.pdf</p> <p>3) Support for Primary Care Research development in Australia: GR noted his concern and led discussion about this in relation to discussions prompted by Dr Lesley Russell,Senior Research Fellow from ANU .He thanked N. Zwar assisting in the preparation of the AAAPC response (see attached)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What if anything can AAAPC be doing to move this ahead? N Zwar believes we could be a catalyst to mobilise action and lobbying but need allies to help -RACGP would be our closest possibly AMA. We need to get it on the RACGP agenda – we need to prevent the Government from disinvesting in the area. Dimity Pond noted that there are many who do not believe Primary care is important and we need to be loud and keep on talking Support for 	GR to finalise and submit document	GR
		Increase liaison with RACGP Research Committee.	GR
		Contact RACGP and AMA and other major professional bodies for support towards a mutual response	GR

Primary Care Research

- Liz Halcomb noted that some groups are getting a lot of funding APNA is marketing their projects as program development not research based and are very successful in securing money
- Sarah Larkins noted that we might make more of an impact by reframing and making the argument for making health services research more workable.
- GR In terms of the solution, what can we actually do or which of the Organisation that we are closely affiliated to can work on our behalf?
- LH suggested we could contact APNA but would need to be handled carefully managed as they are moving away from research and academia. The Royal Colleges of Nurses is a possible group to approach
- N. Zwar noted the urgently to find out who in the Government we need to talk to and convince , Is it through Mark Booth , The College, Ellen ? Who are the bodies that we can work with that have dialogue with Government

4) Reports for noting

APCReN

- GR: discussed outcome of the APCReN Steering group meeting held earlier in the week – no money remaining to fund activities, Is being held together within the DGP UoM with the support of Jane Gunn who is happy to continue to host. The possibility of the 20 participating networks to help fund was discussed but not viable
- Request for continued funding of \$56,000 from Commonwealth (Mark Booth) was declined
- JR: Suggested that the RACGP could be approached to help with funding
- N Zwar :suggested that APCReN could provide a service for PBRN.s and charge for a response – to discuss at the next Steering Committee and continue the discussion off line

Letter from AAAPC to inform APCReN of the AAAPC position.

GR

Motion That APCReN be put into sleeper mode with only website maintenance until additional funding obtained

Nick Zwar proposed –Jan Radford seconded Resolution was passed

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5) Communication

- **Newsletter:** The December issue will have an article on New Zealand and JW and KN

JW

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> will ask members for articles Social Media Update: Jodie Oliver Baxter unable to attend noted that it continues to gain momentum. It's all tracking along nicely and there was a lot of interactions from members in response to Lesley Russel's Croakey blog 	
6) PHC Research Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No news on the funding for 2016 – EM has been informed on the New Zealand research dates 	CH
7) Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$6,616.23 	SM/KN
8) New members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None 	KN
9) Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NAPCRG Conference: Nick Z noted that Felicity Good Year Smith as Chair of the NAPCRAG International Committee has asked a rep from AAAPC to talk at the International reception on AAAPC. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travelling Fellowship: Applications have closed and 3 submitted 	
10) Next meeting	November 19th 2015 2.00 EST	
